

MINUTES OF THE FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
FINNINGLEY, ON TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), W Bedford, J Clarke, Mrs C Sheriff, Mrs C Styring and B Worsfold

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Roy Hattersley

17 Members of the public

A number of residents raised their concerns regarding the prospect of an affordable housing development in the village.

A lengthy discussion took place and the Parish Council explained their position and reiterated that the Parish Councils preference for the use of its parcel of land has always been for allotments.

The Parish Council also reiterated that no decision has been made and that the purpose of the "Open Day" on Wednesday 11th October is to establish the need for affordable housing and for residents to meet the planners, developers and Parish Councillors, ask any questions, get more information and most importantly to give their opinion and feedback.

It was noted that residents will be asked to complete a short questionnaire at the Open Day to gauge feedback and that this will also be available on the Parish Council website for those residents who are unable to attend.

A member of The Plymouth Brethren advised that their project has now been completed and thanked the Parish Council for their assistance. It was also noted that the mini bus parked on the drive is to transport children to a nearby private school.

1. TO AGREE ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETING) ACT 1960 - None

2. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES – Stephen Racjan (DMBC)

3. DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS AND ANY UPDATES TO EXISTING MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr R Johnson declared an interest in Item 12

Cllr B Worsfold declared an interest in Item 12

Cllr Mrs C Styring declared an interest in Item 15

Cllr Mrs C Sheriff declared an interest in Item 13

Cllr W Bedford declared an interest in Item 9 & 13

Cllr J Clarke declared an interest in Item 13

4. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was noted that only one expression of interest had been received for the vacancy.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Rob Castle would be co-opted and he was welcomed by the Parish Council.

Mr Rob Castle signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. POLICING ISSUES

The clerk advised of the following incidents reported during July via police.uk:-

Burglary – Gatesbridge Park

Anti-Social Behaviour x 5 – Elm Drive (2), On or near The Green (2) and Near Park/Open Space (1)

Vehicle Crime x 2 – Station Close and Gatesbridge Park

Violence x 2 – Silver Birch Grove and Near Park/Open Space
Public Order – Old Bawtry Road

The Chairman noted that there had been a recent regular police presence around the village.

Councillor R Castle reported a number of nitrous oxide canisters (laughing gas) near the Station Hotel and it was agreed that this would be raised at the next Blaxton Parish Council meeting.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS/DMBC REPRESENTATIVES – None Present

7. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor R Castle raised concern that there appears to be a communication problem between the Parish Council and residents.

RESOLVED to look at how the Parish Council can communicate better with residents and report back at the October meeting. **CLLR R CASTLE**

8. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15.08.17

RESOLVED the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MEETING FOR INFORMATION/NOTING

Wellington Drive (Formally Trinity Gate) Footpath – Update

The clerk read out the following response received from Ward Councillor Steve Cox.

“I had a meeting with Richard Purcell this morning who explained the situation to me. It would appear to be a tricky one, it’s now with enforcement and I will chase it up with them. We had a conversation regarding the green space to the rear of the property and access to it. I was wondering if you had any more information regarding this.”

RESOLVED to respond to Ward Councillor Steve Cox and advise that the Parish Council have no further information than that already supplied and ask him to chase enforcement as agreed. **CLERK**

North East Bassetlaw Community Liaison Group

Councillor W Bedford reported that IGas are attending a meeting with Misson Residents 19/09 and that the next Liaison Group meeting is still to be confirmed.

Elm Drive Update

It was noted that I bars have now been put across drives on both Elm Drive and Silver Birch Grove at the request of residents.

RESOLVED to contact Ward Councillor Steve Cox to enquire about signage to highlight the footpath from the school to Elm Drive. **CLERK**

10. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported that she had met with the electrician and that the problem appears to be the transformer.

Councillor Sheriff reported that she has been looking at the possibility of purchasing more lights which may require a different set up.

The Parish Council agreed to use the £500 donation from the Harvey Arms to purchase more Christmas tree lights and to carry out the electrical work required for the installation.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C Sheriff will make further enquiries regarding the options available, to be agreed at the October meeting.

It was also noted that the Christmas tree does not appear very healthy and requires trimming and feeding.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C Sheriff to obtain a price for fertiliser and circulate to members for approval.

11. TO DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TREES IN THE VILLAGE

Contact with Higgins re Ash Tree

It was noted that Higgins have removed the one of the dead ash trees and that DMBC have also removed the remaining two trees.

Feedback from DMBC re Tree Work in Village

It was noted that DMBC have cut back the trees on No.1 Footpath but have not done any work on Lindley Road. It was also reported that a hedge from a property on Lindley Road is overhanging the public footpath adjacent to the Playing Fields and needs cutting back.

RESOLVED to contact Julie Guest (DMBC) to request that DMBC carry out the work as soon as possible.

CLERK

Councillor J Clarke reported that a hedge from a property on Picklewood Court is overgrowing the footpath and that he has reported this to DMBC Highways to take the necessary action.

FPC Tree Inspection Review

RESOLVED to contact Viking Trees to arrange a convenient date for the tree inspection.

CHAIRMAN

12. ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD

Pavilion Project Update

Councillor B Worsfold advised that the car park has now been finished and that the bollard at the front that was previously knocked down has now been replaced.

It was also noted that both the Chairman and Councillor Worsfold have been working on the fencing which is nearing completion.

The roller shutter damaged in high winds has been made secure and will be fixed in the near future and a wipe board has been put in the home changing room as requested.

It was also noted that the official opening of the pavilion will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 2pm.

Pavilion Project – Financial/Legal Update

The Chairman advised that Setfords (PC Solicitors) have given their advice on the final account to be submitted and it was agreed that the Parish Council will seek further advice on whether to pursue DDL for the additional expenditure incurred to complete the project.

Councillor B Worsfold to compile an inventory of materials left on site and to communicate this to DDL.

PFA Meeting Report

As the meeting had been delayed until Wednesday 27th September no report was provided.

13. ISSUES RELATING TO VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes if available

It was noted that that next Village Hall Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 20th September.

Defibrillator Update

Councillor W Bedford reported that the Village Hall Committee was now in receipt of the defibrillator and cabinet which will be discussed further at the next Village Hall Committee Meeting.

It was also noted that discussions were ongoing regarding a second defibrillator.

Damp Monitoring Report

It was noted that Councillors J Clarke and B Worsfold have continued to monitor the reveals and timber and that there have been no significant changes.

RESOLVED to continue to monitor.

CLLRS J CLARKE AND B WORSFOLD

14. POND ISSUES

Pest Control

The clerk gave an update on the pest control litter bin order.

RESOLVED to chase up if no response received from DMBC.

CLERK

15. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

Councillor W Bedford gave an update on potential allotment land and it was agreed to draft a letter to be sent to landowners and circulate to members for their agreement.

CLLR W BEDFORD AND CLERK

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pre-Approved BIB transactions – For Information Only

£ 1340.45	Zurich Municipal (PC Insurance)	BIB.362
£ 50.00	MRK Styring (Newsletters)	BIB.363
£ 495.28	J Leighton-Eshelby (August Salary, Mileage and Office Allowance 2 nd Qtr)	BIB.364
£ 56.00	Zurich Municipal (Additional Policy Increase)	BIB.365

The Parish Council thanked Mike Styring for his assistance in printing the Parish Council newsletter.

Harvey Arms Donation

RESOLVED to write to the Harvey Arms and advise that the Parish Council have agreed to use their donation of £500 to purchase more Christmas tree lights for the Village Green.

CLERK

17. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Planning Update: Site on Bank End Road 13/00531/TIP – No further update

b) Planning Applications Received – None

c) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Community Engagement Meeting Feedback

The Chairman advised that he had attended the first meeting on Wednesday 30th August which unfortunately was not very productive. The Chairman spoke about the new plans for the entrance/exit and advised that a second meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 20th September which will be attended by both the Chairman and Councillor J Clarke.

RESOLVED to circulate briefing notes to members following the meeting. **CHAIRMAN**

18. HIGHWAY ISSUES

It was noted that the telegraph pole erected by BT at the junction of Old Bawtry Road and Doncaster Road is still obscuring the "Give Way" sign and has not been relocated as promised.

RESOLVED to chase up with David Haigh (DMBC) **CHAIRMAN**

19. WEBSITE ISSUES

Parish Council Website

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff reported that the webmaster has taken out of date information off the website and that a link to the current Doncaster Airport questionnaire and training flight information will be put on the website.

20. NEWSLETTER

Distribution

The Chairman thanked all the members for their assistance in distributing the newsletter.

Managing Feedback – No Issues Raised

21. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to circulate to members in the usual manner.

Letter received from Finningley Community Group

A letter received from the Finningley Community Group requesting permission to use the Village Green for their annual Spirit of Christmas event was noted and this was unanimously agreed.

Letter received from resident regarding parking

The clerk read out a letter received from a resident expressing concern regarding parking in the village.

RESOLVED to write back to the resident and advise that the Parish Council have already reported its concerns to DMBC Highways and suggest that he contacts Ward Councillor Steve Cox who has taken over this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

CLERK

South Yorkshire Advisory Committee

The Chairman read out a letter received regarding the South Yorkshire Advisory Committee (circulated to members).

22. FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSIONS WITH RHA

Councillor Mrs C Sheriff advised that she has received no response from Tony Lonsdale with regards to arranging a meeting.

RESOLVED to chase up a meeting. **CLLR MRS C SHERIFF**

23. FOLLOW UP ON MEETING ARRANGED BY BARRIE CORSCADDEN

Affordable Housing Questionnaire

The Parish Council discussed the proposed questionnaire and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Together Housing for advice on putting together the questionnaire.

Discussion also took place regarding the methods available to circulate the questionnaire to residents.

24. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman: